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GOVERNMENT PROGRAM

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1. SUMMARY: THE DEFENSE AND FOREIGN POLICY SEGMENT OF THE

PROGRAM SUBMITTED TO THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BY NEW TURKISH GOVERNMENT OF PRIMIN BULENT ECEVIT ON JANUARY 12 (TEXT SENT SEPTTEL) IS IN MOST RESPECTS NEARLY IDENTICAL IN CONTENT TO THAT PRESENTED BY THE PREVIOUS ECEVIT GOVERNMENT LAST JUNE, WITH LARGE PORTIONS OF IT BROUGHT FORWARD ALMOST WORD-FOR-WORD FROM THE JUNE VERSION (REF A). JUST AS THE JUNE PROGRAM APPEARED DESIGNED TO PROJECT A MODERATE IMAGE AND DRAW SUPPORT FROM OUTSIDE ECEVIT'S REPUBLICAN PEOPLE'S PARTY (RPP), THE NEW PROGRAM APPEARS DESIGNED TO PLEASE ALL ELEMENTS OF THE PRESENT COALITION, COMPOSED OF THE CENTER-LEFT RPP AND MODERATE TO CONSERVATIVE MINOR PARTIES AND INDEPENDENTS. ALTHOUGH MUCH OF ITS RHETORIC IS TYPICAL OF ECEVIT AND THE RPP, THE PROGRAM ESSENTIALLY REPRESENTS A TURKISH CONSENSUS ON DEFENSE AND FOREIGN POLICY AND DOES NOT DIFFER GREATLY IN THESE AREAS FROM THE PROGRAM OF THE LAST DEMIREL GOVERNMENT (REF B). END SUMMARY

2. IN LANGUAGE VIRTUALLY IDENTICAL TO THE JUNE PROGRAM'S THE NEW PROGRAM MENTIONS TURKEY'S YEARS OF NATO CONTRIBUTIONS "ABOVE ITS ECONOMIC RESOURCES", AND THE "BITTER EXPERIENCE" OF BEING UNABLE TO BUY DEFENSE EQUIPMENT FROM ITS ALLIES, AND IT NAMES AS AN URGENT REQUIREMENT "THE ELABORATION OF A NATIONAL SECURITY CONCEPT WHICH WILL SAVE TURKEY'S DEFENSE FROM BEING EXCESSIVELY DEPENDENT ON FOREIGN SUPPORT AND ON ANY ONE SOURCE." THIS NEW "NATIONAL DEFENSE CONCEPT", FREQUENTLY MENTIONED BY ECEVIT SINCE THE LAST GENERAL ELECTION LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CAMPAIGN, REMAINS UNDEFINED, ALTHOUGH THE PROGRAM STATES THAT THE GOVERNMENT WILL "KEEP IN VIEW OUR ALLIANCE MEMBERSHIP" WHILE TAKING INTO ACCOUNT TURKEY'S OWN INTERESTS. NUMEROUS REFERENCES INDICATE THAT THE NATIONAL SECURITY CONCEPT IS TO RATIONALIZE TURKEY'S ALLIANCE INTERESTS. "REGIONAL INTERESTS." THE JUNE STATEMENT THAT "WHETHER WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF ALLIANCES OR NOT, POLICIES WHICH HAVE A NEGATIVE EFFECT ON OUR NATIONAL INTERESTS AND THE PRINCIPLES OF OUR FOREIGN POLICY, WILL NOT BE ADOPTED BY OUR GOVERNMENT", WAS RETAINED IN LENGTHENED FORM.

3. THE PROGRAM PLEDGES "THE NECESSARY EFFORT TO BRING ABOUT ON CYPRUS THE SOLUTION OF A BIZONAL, BICOMMUNAL, INDEPENDENT, AND NONALIGNED FEDERAL STATE", WITH ONLY THE WORD "BICOMMUNAL" REPRESENTING A CHANGE IN THIS SECTION. THE PARAGRAPH ON LAW OF THE SEAS, APPLICABLE TO THE AEGEAN DISPUTE, IS IDENTICAL TO THE JUNE PARAGRAPH AND PROMISES TO PROTECT TURKEY'S RIGHTS, MAKING THE NECESSARY (UNSPECIFIED) CHANGES IN LAW TO HELP IN DOING SO. WHILE THE GOVERNMENT PROMISES ELSEWHERE TO "MANIFEST THE NECESSARY CARE...FOR THE SOLUTION OF REGIONAL PROBLEMS WITHOUT THE INTERFERENCE

OF DISTANT OR GREAT POWERS" IT DOES NOT SPECIFICALLY PLEDGE TO
SEEK AN AEGEAN SOLUTION.

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4. IN LANGUAGE LARGELY IDENTICAL TO THAT OF LAST JUNE, THE
PROGRAM EMPHASIZES THAT TURKISH FOREIGN POLICY MUST GIVE
DUE IMPORTANCE TO THE FACT THAT TURKEY IS A MIDDLE EASTERN,
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MEDITERRANEAN, AND BALKAN NATION AND RECOMMENDS THAT, ASIDE FROM ITS CURRENT FRIENDSHIPS AND ALLIANCES, AND "WITHOUT DISCRIMINATING ON THE BASIS OF INTERNAL ORDER", TURKEY SHOULD BROADEN ITS RELATIONS, ESPECIALLY WITH COUNTRIES IN THESE REGIONS AND IN THE DEVELOPING WORLD. GIVEN THE GENERAL ABSENCE OF PET PROJECTS OF THE TURKISH LEFT ELSEWHERE IN THE PROGRAM, IMPROVEMENT -- AT LEAST ON THE SURFACE -- OF RELATIONS WITH BALKAN COUNTRIES AND THE SOVIET UNION SEEMS LIKELY TO BE AN AREA IN WHICH THE ECEVIT GOVERNMENT WILL MAKE EFFORTS (ALTHOUGH THESE RELATIONS HAVE ALREADY BEEN EXPANDED SIGNIFICANTLY IN THE ECONOMIC FIELD UNDER DEMIREL). ALTHOUGH THESE SAME COUNTRIES MIGHT BE DISTURBED BY THE CURRENT PROGRAM'S STRENGTHENED INDICATION OF CONCERN OVER THE CULTURAL RIGHTS OF THE TURKS' "KINSMEN" ("SOYDASLAR", TRANSLATED IN OFFICIAL VERSION AS "PEOPLE OF TURKISH ORIGIN") IN OTHER COUNTRIES, IT SEEMS UNLIKELY THAT THIS SECTION WAS INTENDED FOR OTHER THAN DOMESTIC EFFECT.

5. COMMENT: WHILE THE DEFENSE AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS PROGRAM, BEING DESIGNED TO APPEAL TO A BROAD SPECTRUM OF OPINION, GIVES LITTLE INDICATION OF THE SPECIFIC FOREIGN POLICY DIRECTIONS TO BE TAKEN BY THE ECEVIT GOVERNMENT, WE BELIEVE THIS AREA WILL GET HEAVY INITIAL EMPHASIS. GIVEN THE PARLIAMENTARY DIFFICULTY OF PASSING MAJOR DOMESTIC REFORMS AND THE SHORT-TERM INTRACTABILITY OF TURKEY'S ECONOMIC PROBLEMS, IT SEEMS LIKELY THAT ECEVIT WILL SEEK EARLY SUCCESSES IN SOLVING TURKEY'S INTERNATIONAL PROBLEMS OR, FAILING THAT, DRAMATIC INNOVATIONS IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS.
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